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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM TODMAN

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TAGS: EAID, SWEL, HA

SUBJECT: DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN HAITI

REF: (A) PORT AU PRINCE 1358; (B) PORT AU PRINCE 1335;
(C) STATE 82946; (D) STATE 73615

1. CBS EVENING NEWS (WALTER CRONKITE) APRIL 19 CARRIED
FILMED REPORT OF SEVERAL MINUTES ON THE DROUGHT
SITUATION IN HAITI. REPORT INCLUDES SHOTS OF GENERATOR
UNLOADING FROM C-5, AS WELL AS FILMED REPORT OF HELICOPTER
TRIP WITH THE HAITIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TO A VILLAGE
SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT. ACCORDING TO
NARRATION, SOME VILLAGERS WERE CLEARLY SUFFERING
STARVATION, AND CHILDREN IN VILLAGE HAD DIED. FILM
SHOWED TWO CHILDREN WITH EVIDENCE OF KWASHIORKOR.
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THERE WAS NO INDICATION ANY FOOD RELIEF HAD REACHED
VILLAGE. CBS REPORT WAS LIMITED TO DROUGHT, AND DID NOT
INCLUDE INTERVIEW WITH CHIEF OF STATE.

2. SENATOR BROOKE APRIL 19 DELIVERED SPEECH IN THE
SENATE CALLING SENATE'S ATTENTION TO DROUGHT IN HAITI,
OUTLINING MEASURES USG HAS TAKEN SO FAR TO ALLEVIATE

EFFECTS OF DROUGHT, AND STATING HAITI WILL REQUIRE
ADDITIONAL FOODSTUFFS TO MEET THE EMERGENCY. (FULL

TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.)

3. WHILE PL-480 TITLE I PROGRAM APPROVED APRIL 7
WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE FOOD SHORTAGES, THESE
COMMODITIES WILL GO ONLY TO THE PEOPLE ABLE TO PAY
FOR THEM. PL-480 TITLE II EMERGENCY REQUESTS APPROVED
SO FAR WILL SUPPLEMENT DIETS OF APPROXIMATELY 100,000
HAITIANS, WHICH APPEARS FEWER THAN THE NUMBER
SUFFERING FROM DROUGHT.

4. GIVEN CONTINUING REPORTS OF STARVATION IN NORTHERN
AND CENTRAL HAITI, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS
WHETHER ENOUGH IS BEING DONE TO MEET THE EMERGENCY.
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